

## 'DOC' MEYERS DEAD; HIS WIFE SCORNE RICHES FOR POVERTY

Bronx Couple Went Through  
Two Fortunes and Were  
Often Arrested.

SLEPT IN HALLWAYS.

Faithful Woman Refused Aid  
He Couldn't Share and  
Never Left Him.

Funeral services were read today over the body of Dr. Emil Meyers in an undertaking shop at No. 278 Alexander Avenue, the Bronx, by the Rev. William Keppert of the Northern New York Congregational Church. The burial was at Calvary Cemetery.

For fifteen years the story of "Doc" Meyers and his wife, once his reigning beauty of the Bronx, has been recalled by the sight of them wandering the streets mournfully visiting houses and business buildings standing on property they once owned. They have been often arrested as vagrants. Never has the woman, who still retained in her face and carriage and speech some of the distinction which was hers as Alice Foy, leader of the social activities of the district, left her husband's side except when he was in hospitals until three weeks ago, when he was committed to the Workhouse by Magistrate Breen. And then she camped out at the Manhattan landing of the Blackwell's Island ferry for five days until he returned to her.

The wedding twenty-five years ago of "Doc" Meyers—was a veterinary and the son of Prof. J. M. Meyers, head of the Department of Language Teaching in the public schools and Alice Foy, was the event of the year. The families of both were wealthy. Everybody who amounted to anything in the Bronx was there. The ceremony, under a dispensation, was conducted by the Rev. Father Thomas P. Gregg of St. Augustine's.

**BEGAN SPECULATING IN STOCKS  
AND WENT BROKE.**

Their parents built a big lively stable at Lincoln Avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street and gave it to the veterinary. He had a big practice and was rated at \$100,000 when he began experimenting in Wall Street.

Within five years all his real estate holdings were gone and he was bankrupt. A legacy of \$50,000 from his father and another of about the same amount to his wife from her father put "Doc" Meyers on his feet again. These fortunes went the way of the first. Convivial habits which once made him popular turned him to a sullen wreck. His wife shared the worst of his fortunes and degradation.

Mrs. Meyers' family tried in vain to get her to leave her husband. Failing, her brother established an open account for her in a Third Avenue restaurant, stipulating that any food she bought and consumed herself in the restaurant would be paid for. At least once a day the shabby woman with haughty manners entered the restaurant, took a table near the door and ordered more than she could possibly eat. Then, when the proprietor was busy at the back, Meyers would slip in and eat part of what was before her. The proprietor admitted that pity made him give the delict as much of an opportunity as possible.

## MAGISTRATE HAD BEEN GUEST AT THEIR WEDDING.

The pair were taken before Magistrate Breen, Dec. 4, 1914, charged with sleeping in tenement hallways. The Magistrate had been at their wedding. He arranged to have Meyers cared for at Lincoln Hospital. For the week he was there Mrs. Meyers camped on the hospital steps, and when he was discharged was there to take his arm and begin again their hopeless shuffle through the streets of their one-time property. They were before Magistrate Breen many times after that. The last time Meyers was in such condition that he was sent to the workhouse as a means of having him treated in the City Hospital.

He was taken ill on the street Monday and died yesterday at Lebonan Hospital. He was forty-four years old. The funeral was provided by an undertaker to whom Meyers turned over an insurance policy ten years ago. Mrs. Meyers sat all night last night in the undertaking shop. She had begged a wreath of flowers from a florist and laid it on the coffin with a card inscribed in a fine boarding school hand "From His Wife."

## NICHOLS FAMILY HELD FOR THE GRAND JURY ON EXTORTION CHARGE

Court Refuses to Dismiss Co-  
cheu's Complaint Regarding  
\$20,000 Check.

Mrs. Lois Nichols, her son, Howard, and her daughter-in-law, Lulu, of No. 167 Bridge Street, Brooklyn, were held by Magistrate Walsh in the Adams Street Police Court this morning for the Grand Jury on the extortion charge preferred against them by Theodore Cocheu, No. 143 Penn Street, an aged customs inspector, whom they are accused of holding prisoner until he gave them a check for \$20,000.

Attorney Luke O'Reilly, for the defendants, rested his case on the testimony of Lulu Nichols and Lieut. McCormick, officer in charge at the Adams Street Station the night Cocheu had the defendants arrested. He moved Lulu Nichols be dismissed on the ground that no testimony had shown her to be implicated in the extortion scheme. He also asked the other defendants be dismissed, because Lulu Nichols's cross-examination by Assistant District Attorney Conway had shown the \$20,000 check was made out at Cocheu's own suggestion and that in neither his subsequent visit to the office of Attorney Martin Manton nor at the police station did he mention the fact that he had been held prisoner or that the check had been extracted from him under duress.

Cocheu's whole story was characterized by O'Reilly as a fabrication. The defendants, Mrs. Lulu Nichols carrying her baby, Victor, were unable to procure bail and went to jail.

**NO SYMPATHY NEEDED.**  
(From the Washington Star.)  
"You didn't award any damages worth mentioning in that breach of promise case," "No," explained the foreman of the jury. "We decided that the plaintiff was lucky to get rid of a man who would write the foul letters her lawyer read to us."

**A CANDY SHOWER.**  
(From the Louisville Courier-Journal.)  
"What's the note in the next room?" "The girls are giving one of their number a candy shower."  
"Ah, yes. Now I seem to distinguish the patterning of the chocolate drops."

## MITCHELL HANDS OUT THREE FAT OFFICES; EDWARDS ON BENCH

Queens Man Becomes Magis-  
trate and Bronx Republican  
Leader Goes on Tax Board.

Mayor Mitchell today appointed Clarence Edwards of Elmhurst a Justice of the Court of Special Sessions, to succeed John Fleming of Jamaica, Queens. The Mayor also announced the appointments of Alderman John Kochendorfer of Richmond Hill a City Magistrate in Queens County, to succeed Judge John Leach, and John J. Knewitz to succeed George V. Mullan as a member of the Tax Board from Bronx County. Knewitz is Republican leader of the Bronx.

The office of Justice of Special Sessions pays \$10,000 a year. Edwards is appointed for ten years, which is a full term. A City Magistrate in Queens is a \$7,000 a year post. Kochendorfer, who is a Republican, is appointed also for a full term, ten years. Knewitz will receive \$7,000 a year and fills an unexpired term covering a period of not quite two years.

The new Justice in Queens has lived in Elmhurst since 1895 and has practised law almost exclusively there. Edwards is an Independent Democrat. Kochendorfer has lived in Queens all his life and has served two terms in the Board of Aldermen. Knewitz was Assistant Superintendent of Buildings in the Bronx. He was Chief Examiner under Mayor Kline in the office of the Aldermanic President, and served four years as Deputy Receiver of Taxes under Comptroller Prendergast.

## "VANISHING MAID" HAD FURS AND SILVER BAG

Property of Other One Day Em-  
ployers Found When Police  
Search Her Room.

Marion O'Brien, who is believed by the police to be the vanishing maid who has been obtaining employment in homes on the upper west side and disappearing with the clothing and jewelry of her mistresses, was held in \$2,500 bail by Magistrate Deuel in the Washington Heights Court today on a charge of grand larceny. She was arrested at Forty-seventh Street and Broadway last night when a relative of Mrs. Lillian H. Paik of No. 127 West One Hundred and Forty-first Street saw her wearing Mrs. Paik's fur and carrying Mrs. Paik's silver mesh bag.

In a furnished room at No. 104 East Ninety-seventh Street, where the girl lived, the police found other articles taken from the Paik home when Marion disappeared on March 3 after working there one day as a servant. Clothing owned by Mrs. Benjamin Tupper of No. 205 West Eighty-fifth Street, was also found and Mrs. Tupper recognized the girl as a servant she had employed for one day. She disappeared from Mrs. Tupper's home on Feb. 25. The police are seeking other victims.

**PRICE OF HIS SHAVES GONE.**

Servant Takes Sergeant's Iron  
Bunk—Nothing Goes Too.

Sergeant Rafsky of the West Forty-seventh Street Police Station, gave up visiting barber shops several months ago and bought a safety razor and an iron bunk. Every time he shaved himself he dropped the price of the shave and the tip into the bunk and with other little savings he accumulated \$47.50. He was boarding in the home of Mrs. Amelia Cohen, at No. 298 West One Hundred and Fourteenth Street, when Mrs. Cohen hired Tony Hunk of No. 185 East Third Street as a servant. Tony disappeared on March 3, a few days after she was hired, and the sergeant's shaving savings were missed at the same time. Also some of Mrs. Cohen's clothing disappeared. Detective Foley located Rose last night and today Sergeant Rafsky was in the Washington Heights Court, accusing Rose of his inability to save money and testify with enthusiasm against Rose. She was held by Magistrate Deuel in \$500 bail for further examination.

**THESE WOMEN!**

Mrs. Edna McChristy of Ohio has left her husband. "He had no bad habits," she says; "he was always home nights, never did anything mean, and was a model. I'd have liked him better if he had bullied and abused me!"

**LONDON'S SUMMER DRINKS.**

Ginger Beer Reported to Contain  
Considerable Alcohol.

(From the London Telegraph.)  
Gin and ginger-beer, which Mr. Floueden had not tried, is one of the most popular summer drinks in London. The teetotaler drinks it without the gin—not knowing that ginger-beer contains quite an alarming amount of alcohol.

A few years ago the Lancet submitted some specimens of ginger-beer to an examination. They were found to contain more alcohol than light beer, and very nearly as much as contained in good cider. In discussing the drink popular with abstemious the Lancet remarked:

"Some teetotalers, in their innocence, while agnost at the idea of drinking a light beer, share in the object to ginger-wine, which relatively is highly alcoholic."

**Just Try This When  
Hairy Growths Appear**

(Modes of Today)

A smooth, hairless skin always follows the use of a paste made by mixing some water with plain powdered talc. This paste is applied to the hairy surface 2 or 3 minutes, then rubbed off and the skin washed, when every trace of hair will have vanished. No pain or discomfort attends the use of the talc-paste, but caution should be exercised to be sure that you get real talc. —Advt.

## SEPARATION PACTS HAVE NO STANDING IN LAW, RULES COURT

Agreements Held to Be Bind-  
ing Only With Respect to  
Alimony Payments.

Married people living apart under separation agreements—and there are thousands of them in New York City—will be grieved to know that even though they signed articles giving them the right to live their separate lives as they see fit, there is no warrant for it in law.

In a decision handed down today by Supreme Court Justice Henry D. Hoebich, in which he dismissed a motion by Dr. Leonard Landes, of No. 140 East Twenty-second Street, to dissolve a separation suit brought by Mrs. Augusta Landes, it is held married people cannot be relieved of their marital obligations by signing them away.

Justice Hoebich reviews the law of separations from early English history to the present and decides that although the Landes separation agreement is valid and still in force so far as it binds Dr. Landes to pay weekly alimony, it is not valid as an agreement that the parties shall continue to live apart and is no defense

to Mrs. Landes's present suit for separation. This is the first time the question has been decided.

**NOT AFFECTED.**

(From the Baltimore American.)  
"That plausible promoter you have just let into the chief's office can do a lot of convincing gassing."  
"Yes, but the boss is wearing a respirator."

**A SIMPLE MATTER.**  
(From the Birmingham Age-Herald.)  
"So you are in the market for an automobile?"  
"Yes," answered the man who likes to attract attention.  
"Any particular make?"  
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